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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12   (Canceled)

13.   (Currently Amended) A computer system comprising:

a plurality of client computers;

a plurality of servers;

a plurality of storages which have multiple disk drives
and keep data in said plurality of disk drives;

a local area network (LAN) which connects said computers
with said servers and;

a storage area network (SAN) which lies between said
servers and said storages,

wherein said SAN forms a switched circuit network having
fiber channel switches and arranged to connect any of said
servers and any of said storages through said fiber channel
switches, and said computer system comprising:

a terminal, which is connected to said LAN and equipped
with operation and management software which performs storage
management, including management of logical volumes in said
storages, management of data arrangement including moving data
in one of said logical volumes to another of said logical
volumes, management of error monitoring for said storages,
management of setting up said fiber channel switches, and

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management of a <u>server-less</u> backup operation for <u>backing-up</u>
data~~in~~ directly from one of said storages <u>to a backup storage</u>
<u>of said storages via said SAN</u> <u>without relaying said data via</u>
<u>any of said servers or said terminal.</u>

14.   (Currently Amended)   The computer system as claimed
in claim 13, wherein said SAN is connected to<u>_a</u> SAN in another
computer system via a wide area network (WAN).

15.   (Currently Amended)   The computer system as claimed
in claim 13 wherein, when a backup copy of data in ~~the~~ <u>a</u>
primary volume in ~~a~~ <u>said one</u> storage is made to ~~a~~ <u>said</u> backup
~~device~~ <u>storage</u> in a non-disruptive manner, ~~the~~ <u>a</u> secondary
volume corresponding to the primary volume is created by
internal functions in ~~the relevant~~ <u>said one</u> storage, copies
are made from said primary volume to said secondary volume,
the made copies are transferred <u>from said secondary volume</u> to
said backup ~~device~~ <u>storage</u> via said SAN without passing said
LAN, and thereby backup is achieved.

16.   (Currently Amended)   A computer system comprising:
a plurality of client computers;
a plurality of servers;

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a plurality of storages which keep data;

a local area network (LAN) which connects said computers
with said servers; and

a storage area network (SAN) which lies between said
servers and said storages,

wherein said SAN forms a switched circuit network having
fiber channel switches and arranged to connect any of said
servers and any of said storages through said fiber channel
switches, and

wherein when a backup copy of data in a primary volume in
one of said storages is to be made to a backup device storage
of said storages in a non-disruptive manner in a server-less
backup operation for backing up data directly from one of said
storages to said backup storage without relaying said data via
any of said servers, said one of said storage is arranged to
receive a volume split instruction from one of said servers,
process as if data in the primary volume were kept in a
secondary volume of said one of said storages as it is at the
time of receiving said instruction, and made make the backup
copy from said secondary volume to the backup device storage.

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